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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 1/26/2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to application number 10/764 804, filed on Jan 26, 2004. Claims 1 – 22 are pending and have been examined.
2. This application is a continuation of application number 09/397 908 filed on Sept. 17, 1999, now Patent number: 6 684 399.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: [0019], lines 49 – 50 “thereby supplemented” should be changed to “thereby be supplemented”.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1 – 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rosin, Patent Number: US 6 397 387 B1.

As per **claim 1**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide system, comprising:

a first information handling system(Fig. 1, 16) for obtaining programming information from a program information source(Fig.1, Internet) and generating a program guide based upon the obtained program information(the server 16 can also provide a page with links or shortcuts to internet content to be displayed in the graphical user interface or front end of the client. These pages are displayed as part of a selection of channels for both internet content and television programming, col. 5, lines 61 - 65);

a second information handling system(Fig. 1, 10) coupled to said first information handling system , for receiving the program guide by causing said first information handling system to transmit the program guide to said second information handling system(the server 16 can also provide a page with links or shortcuts to internet content to be displayed in the graphical user interface or front end of the client. These pages are displayed as part of a selection of channels for both internet content and television programming, col. 5, lines 61 - 65); and

said first information handling system being configured to search a worldwide network for information regarding a transitory broadcast event(The server functions as the client's access to the internet so that the client can request documents, files and other information from other servers connected to the internet, col. 5, lines 51 - 54) and to incorporate the transitory event information into the generated program guide prior to transmitting the program guide to said second information handling system(

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The service provider can package content to address the information needs and interests of a diverse consumer marketplace, col. 5, lines 56 - 58).

As per **claim 2**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 1, said first and second information handling systems being configured to operate as a client and server system (Fig. 1, there is shown a client-server system, col.4, lines 10 -11), said first information handling system being a server(Fig. 1, 16) and said second information handling system being a client (Fig. 1, 10).

As per **claim 3**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 1, the worldwide network being the Internet(Fig. 1, Internet).

As per **claim 4**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide as claimed in claim 1, wherein first information handling system is configured to search said worldwide network according to a list of parameters (The service provider can package content to address the information needs and interests of a diverse consumer marketplace, col. 5, lines 56 - 58).

As per **claim 5**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide as claimed in claim 4, wherein said list of parameters includes a predetermined list of nodes (the guide page may be automatically modified, adapted, and updated by either the client or the server,

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and be based at least in part on past viewing and browsing habits of client, col. 7, lines 14 - 17).

As per **claim 6**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 1, said second information handling system being configured to receive a broadcast of the transitory broadcast event via the worldwide network (a second set of internet links associated with the highlighted topic are displayed while the first set of topics are being displayed. Each link preferably references a URL for a web document, col. 7, lines 46 - 49).

As per **claim 7**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 1, the electronic program guide having a predetermined number of program channels, said first information handling system being configured to add the information regarding a transitory broadcast event as a channel in addition to the predetermined number of program channels in the electronic program guide (the guide page may be represented as a channel from a menu of channels to be selected by the user in addition to traditional television programming channels, col. 7, lines 10 -13).

As per **claim 8**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide as claimed in claim 1, wherein said transitory broadcast event refers to a scheduled live broadcast event (The server functions as the client's access to the internet so that the client can request

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documents, files and other information from other servers connected to the internet, col. 5, lines 51 - 54).

As per **claim 9**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide system, comprising:

means for obtaining programming information from a program information source and generating a program guide based upon the obtained program information(the server 16 can also provide a page with links or shortcuts to internet content to be displayed in the graphical user interface or front end of the client. These pages are displayed as part of a selection of channels for both internet content and television programming, col. 5, lines 61 - 65);

means, coupled to said obtaining means, for receiving the program guide by causing said obtaining means to transmit the program guide to said receiving means(the server 16 can also provide a page with links or shortcuts to internet content to be displayed in the graphical user interface or front end of the client. These pages are displayed as part of a selection of channels for both Internet content and television programming, col. 5, lines 61 - 65); and

said obtaining means being configured to search a worldwide network for information regarding a transitory broadcast event(The server functions as the client's access to the internet so that the client can request documents, files and other information from other servers connected to the internet, col. 5, lines 51 - 54) and to incorporate the transitory event information into the generated program guide prior to

transmitting the program guide to said second information handling system (The service provider can package content to address the information needs and interests of a diverse consumer marketplace, col. 5, lines 56 - 58).

As per **claim 10**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 9, said obtaining means and said receiving means being configured to operate as a client and server system (Fig. 1, there is shown a client-server system, col.4, lines 10 -11), said obtaining means being a server(Fig. 1, 16) and said receiving means being a client (Fig. 1, 10).

As per **claim 11**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 9, the worldwide network being the Internet (Fig. 1, Internet).

As per **claim 12**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide as claimed in claim 9, wherein said obtaining means is configured to search said worldwide network according to a list of parameters (The service provider can package content to address the information needs and interests of a diverse consumer marketplace, col. 5, lines 56 - 58).

As per **claim 13**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide as claimed in claim 12, wherein said list of parameters includes a predetermined list of nodes (the guide page may be automatically modified, adapted, and updated by either the client or the server,

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and be based at least in part on past viewing and browsing habits of client, col. 7, lines 14 - 17).

As per **claim 14**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 9, said receiving means being configured to receive a broadcast of the transitory broadcast event via the worldwide network (a second set of internet links associated with the highlighted topic are displayed while the first set of topics are being displayed. Each link preferably references a URL for a web document, col. 7, lines 46 - 49)

As per **claim 15**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 9, the electronic program guide having a predetermined number of program channels, said obtaining means being configured to add the information regarding a transitory broadcast event as a channel in addition to the predetermined number of program channels in the electronic program guide (the guide page may be represented as a channel from a menu of channels to be selected by the user in addition to traditional television programming channels, col. 7, lines 10 -13)

As per **claim 16**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide as claimed in claim 9, wherein said transitory broadcast event refers to a scheduled live broadcast event (The server functions as the client's access to the internet so that the client can request

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documents, files and other information from other servers connected to the internet, col. 5, lines 51 - 54).

As per **claim 17**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide system, comprising:

means for obtaining programming information from a program information source(the server 16 can also provide a page with links or shortcuts to internet content to be displayed in the graphical user interface or front end of the client. These pages are displayed as part of a selection of channels for both Internet content and television programming, col. 5, lines 61 - 65);

means, coupled to said obtaining means, for generating a program guide based upon the obtained program information(the server 16 can also provide a page with links or shortcuts to internet content to be displayed in the graphical user interface or front end of the client. These pages are displayed as part of a selection of channels for both internet content and television programming, col. 5, lines 61 - 65);

means, coupled to said obtaining means, for receiving the program guide by causing said obtaining means to transmit the program guide to said receiving means (the server 16 can also provide a page with links or shortcuts to internet content to be displayed in the graphical user interface or front end of the client. These pages are displayed as part of a selection of channels for both internet content and television programming, col. 5, lines 61 - 65); wherein said obtaining means is configured to search a worldwide network for information regarding a scheduled live broadcast event (The server functions as the client's access to the internet so that the client can request

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documents, files and other information from other servers connected to the internet, col. 5, lines 51 - 54) and to incorporate the transitory event information into the generated program guide prior to transmitting the program guide to said second information handling system (The service provider can package content to address the information needs and interests of a diverse consumer marketplace, col. 5, lines 56 - 58), the electronic program guide having a predetermined number of program channels, said obtaining means being configured to add the information regarding the scheduled live broadcast event as a channel in addition to the predetermined number of program channels in the electronic program guide (the guide page may be automatically modified, adapted, and updated by either the client or the server, and be based at least in part on past viewing and browsing habits of client, col. 7, lines 14 - 17).

As per **claim 18**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 17, said obtaining means and said receiving means being configured to operate as a client and server system (Fig. 1, there is shown a client-server system, col.4, lines 10 -11), said obtaining means being a server (Fig. 1, 16) and said receiving means being a client(Fig. 1, 10).

As per **claim 19**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 17, the worldwide network being the Internet (Fig. 1, Internet).

As per **claim 20**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide as claimed in claim 17, wherein said obtaining means is configured to search said worldwide network according to a list of Parameters (The service provider can package content to address the information needs and interests of a diverse consumer marketplace, col. 5, lines 56 - 58).

As per **claim 21**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide as claimed in claim 20, wherein said list of parameters includes a predetermined list of nodes (the guide page may be automatically modified, adapted, and updated by either the client or the server, and be based at least in part on past viewing and browsing habits of client, col. 7, lines 14 - 17).

As per **claim 22**, Rosin teaches: An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 17, said receiving means being configured to receive a broadcast of the scheduled live broadcast event via the worldwide network (a second set of internet links associated with the highlighted topic are displayed while the first set of topics are being displayed. Each link preferably references a URL for a web document, col. 7, lines 46 - 49).

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olugbenga O. Idowu whose telephone number is 571 270 1450. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 7am -5pm Est.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Edourd can be reached on 571 272 7603. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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